

# The Shakerite

an expression of student opinion

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## Thanksgiving . . . . .

*It seems that each November,  
When Thanksgiving time draws near  
We give our thanks for food and warmth,  
For friends and parents dear.*

*And yet should we but stop a while  
Perhaps we'd realize  
That we are thanking God for things  
We see through others' eyes.*

*You learn to talk by mimicking;  
Is this the way you pray?  
Don't offer God a prayer you've learned  
From what the others say.*

*You need not speak your prayer aloud—  
It swells within your being,  
And you will know that God above  
Is listening and seeing.*

*As the Pilgrims reaped the harvest  
From the seeds that they had sown,  
So God shall reap the harvest  
Of a prayer that's all your own.*  
Nancy Williams

## Welfare Drive to Provide Xmas for Needy Families

How many are there? How old are they? What do they want for Christmas? These are the questions that will be discussed in your homeroom during the Christmas Welfare Drive.

In previous years, the Student Council has contacted the Welfare Department of Cuyahoga County and has been given the names of 42 families, one for each homeroom.

With the name of each family comes a case history: their names, the number of people in the family, and the gifts each would like for Christmas. These case histories are posted in the Student Council office, where the council representatives can choose a family for their homerooms.

Each homeroom decides on the amount of money the members would like to give their family. The money is sent to the welfare council which forwards it to each family. Then, with the help of the council, the parents select the Christmas gifts that their children would never receive without your help.

## Political Table-Setting Wins 1st Prize in Contest

For the second time in three years Shaker's Home Economics Department has taken first place in the table-setting contest sponsored by the Halle Bros. Co.

An informal dinner table-setting with a political theme won the prize of \$30 in merchandise from the silver department at the contest held Wednesday, October 27. The arrangements were judged on such criteria as distinction and originality, color harmony, relationship of accessories, and perfection of centerpieces. The committee that worked on the setting consisted of Gloria Lindsay, Ann Smith and Barbara Schneiderman.

## Tall Rabbit Big Hit With Shaker Students

Did you ever try to convince someone that your favorite companion is a 6-foot 1½-inch rabbit. Harvey, the hare in question, is the best friend of Elwood P. Dowd, a wealthy eccentric, whose family tries to have him committed to a mental institution.

This is the plot of Mary Chase's hilarious comedy "Harvey," which was presented last Friday and Saturday evenings by the Shaker Drama Department. Elwood P. Dowd, as played by Mike Smuckler, and Harvey had the audience in gales of laughter through the three delightful acts of the play.

Elwood is the cause of no end of trouble to his social-climbing sister, Veta Louise, played by Sally November, who is trying to marry off her daughter Myrtle Mae, portrayed by Sondra Fain.

Under the direction of Miss Klein and her assistants, Louise Rose and Gordon Baldwin, the cast included: Pamela Reinhardt, Barbara Sacks, Martin Carter, Louise Rose, Charles Sanford, Mike Greenberger, Barbara Higgins, David Wiesenberger, and Harlan Bigalow.

The committees which also worked hard to help make the production such a success were: Harvey Mierke, stage and light crew; Sue Lowry and Muriel Moss, props; Nancy Sternheimer, make-up; Peggy Beeson, costumes; Mary Beth Jamieson, tickets; Nancy Stromberg, ushers; Lila Cohn, publicity; and Harlan Bigalow, program.

Afterwards refreshments were served in the Social Room at which time the cast was congratulated by the audience.

(Picture on page 3)

## 'Queen Trinky' Holds Court; Dance Marks Football Finale

The spirit of the Shaker students soared again at the Football Dance following the disappointing Shaker Heights-Canton Lehigh game on November 13.

The highlight of the dance, which honored members of the Varsity and the Junior Varsity teams and track squad, was the crowning of 1954's Football Queen, Trinky Quay, escorted by Chuck Richards. The announcement was made to the three hundred students there directly following the procession of all the candidates and their escorts. The runners-up were Sherry Bassett, Cathy Berger, Judy Cozzens, Janie Killpack, and Pat Sydow. Their escorts were Charles Burger, Ron Marchand, John Glick, Harry Millis, and Mark Perry, respectively. Ron Marchand was the honorary football captain for the night. Trinky cut and served the huge cake in her honor.

The dance was sponsored by the Cheerleaders, the Band, and the Majorettes.

## Y-Teens Sponsor Gay Whirl; Theme 'Rhapsody in Blue'

Here's a formula for a good time: Add a group of dressed-up boys and girls to a gym decorated all in blue; stir in music, and mix well; bake from 8:30 to 12 p. m., and serve with cookies and punch. Your result will be a wonderful time at the Y-Teen Harvest Hop on Friday, November 26. This dance, traditionally sponsored by the combined Y-Teen club, will be held for the purpose of raising money for the Y-Teen service projects, and tickets will be sold by Y-Teen members in the homerooms.



Y-Teen combined officers and chapter presidents: l. to r. Beverly Bell, Judy Schoenberg, Emilie Stark, Nica Weston, and Marcia Boukalik.

This year the dance will have as its theme "A Rhapsody in Blue," Barbara Ganim and junior Y-Teens taking care of decorations. The scene will be set in a little town covered with mist rising from dry ice which will be placed in the center of the gym. Sophomores are taking charge of the refreshments which will be included in the \$1.50 you pay when you enter. Heading this committee will be Emilie Stark, sophomore president, and Madge Doula, social chairman. The big job, however, falls upon the shoulders of the seniors under the direction of Nica Weston. They have charge of tickets, with Evelyn Ramsdell as chairman, publicity, headed by Neil Miller, the band

which was obtained for us through the efforts of Marnie McKee; and invitations, taken care of by Judy White and Barbara Myerson. Marlene Marshall and Toby Weiner are in charge of entertainment.

A big addition to the dance will be the presence of some of the alumni of the past two years. Marcia Allen and Bessie Marino have seen to it that every member of both these graduated classes will have received an invitation to the dance. The Harvest Hop will also feature something different in the way of chaperons. Along with faculty members and the mothers of the Y-Teen chapters we will have with us the mothers of the combined cabinet and three chapter presidents.

## Seniors Roll Along At Successful Skate

If you still see a few wind-swept seniors staggering about, you'll know that they're probably just recovering from a dizzy condition brought about the first all-senior party of the 1954-55 school year, planned by the senior class officers.

At 9:15 a. m. last Saturday morning, November 20, seniors assembled at the high school to board a chartered bus which took them to the Chagrin Roller Skating Rink in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where for two hours they enjoyed roller skating on the smoothest dance floor and in the pleasantest atmosphere.

Having returned to the high school at noon, the dancing kings and queens devoured a picnic luncheon consisting of Sloppy Joe's, potato chips, and ice cream, served in the Social Room and girls' gym. The entire frolic cost each senior one dollar and fifty cents. When it was one o'clock, the party departed.

Other senior affairs to be held are a senior dance some time in February, the Senior Picnic, and of course the Senior Prom.



Our charming football queen, Trinky Quay, with "anxious" Ronnie Marchand, honorary captain, waiting to congratulate her royal highness on her coronation.

The Story  
of  
Thanksgiving



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# We Are Ashamed . . .

Not long ago the Cleveland Institute of Art lent us a beautiful collection of students' paintings. If you have ever done any art work you will understand the time and patience that went into these beautifully executed pictures. And in a few short seconds, someone maliciously slashed them.

You who did this unbelievable thing, consider what you have done. Shaker will think twice before borrowing an exhibit again. Our president had to apologize for the act of a cheap vandal. And how enthusiastic will the Cleveland Institute of Art be about Shaker students as applicants in the future? Think carefully about what you have done.

We are ashamed.

## Letters to the Editor

Printed below are three letters which the Shakerite has received. The editors may not always agree with opinions expressed by readers. We are, however, pleased to publish such letters as they represent a very important function of a school newspaper, that of being a medium for the expression of student opinion. We shall be pleased to publish your comments on questions raised in these letters or your opinions on any other subject.

The Editors

Dear Editors,

What has happened to Shaker's alleged self-government? Since school began in September there have been at least two decrees revoking former school policies: in-school pep-rallies, and the demerit system. First of all, I believe pep-rallies are an important step toward that vague but wonderful atmosphere called school spirit. The pep-rallies show tremendous creative originality and provide a certain warmth and unity to be found in few other places. Unfortunately, however, not all students can attend the rallies if they are held after school because of jobs, appointments, and other commitments.

As for the loss of five minutes from each period, if it's worthwhile for our recent mediocre assemblies, why not for pep-rallies? Perhaps there are points which have not occurred to me which might change my mind concerning this matter—all the more reason why matters should and must be considered and discussed by everyone before legislation.

When it comes to the new detention system, which in effect supplants our former demerit system, I guess the thing that disturbs me most is that the student body was not consulted. It may even be that the new system is a good one, but the fact that it was forced upon us deprecates it. It is primarily this I'm objecting to in all of these cases. The school administration must not have any confidence in the civic-minded intelligence of the Shaker student if it refuses to allow him to decide on important legislation. We are reminded often of the outstanding progressive methods of education at Shaker; among them, humorously enough, is listed student government. Is it any wonder the adult nation isn't more civic-minded and interested in government, if in high school, the potential model society, we are restrained from interest and participation in democratic government?

There was a sensible editorial in the Shakerite some time ago. It suggested a bulletin be distributed before council meetings containing information about proposals and problems which its council is going

to discuss. In this way, students would be encouraged to analyze problems and help decide on solutions, just as they should continue to do in an adult democracy. I recall the school-wide gathering of last year, called for the purpose of discussing an episode entailing thoughtless littering of the halls by students. In that assembly we showed with flying colors that, led by Mr. Rupp and Sarge Karch, we could grasp and handle an uncomfortable situation.

Doesn't this experience prove that self-government is a very practicable possibility? How about it, Shakerites, wouldn't you like the opportunity to prove you can run our small-scale democracy?

A Concerned Senior

Dear Editors,

I believe that school spirit should not only be shown at our football games but also at our school dances. It seems to me that the people who complain the loudest are the ones who don't do anything to improve the dances. I feel that the Halloween Party is a good example. Almost everyone came to the party with the idea in mind that it wouldn't be as good as it was two years ago and naturally it wasn't. This resulted from their pessimistic attitude. Everyone wanted more booths but nobody was willing to work in them, and as a result the party was not too successful.

I think the students should realize by now that to make our social activities a success it's up to every individual to do his part.

A Hopeful Senior

Dear Editors,

At our school dances there is a custom which I think could and should be remedied. We come with a date and dance with that date and talk to that same person throughout the entire evening. This is very boring and uncomfortable for many couples. My suggestions are to have double-cut dances at various times in the evening and also to have programs at some of the dressy dances. Planned mixers would save a great deal of embarrassment and make for more fun!

Sincerely,  
A. Boredman

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Save your stamps . . .

Save the Shakerite!



"Hi there, Nance! I just called to remind you to be sure to come to the Y-Teen Harvest Hop this Friday night. It's going to be dreamy "blue" magic with the theme, "Rhapsody in Blue." Les Elgin is providing the background music for the bang-up decorations."

"Of course I'll be there, Judy. I wouldn't miss it for the world. It'll be so good seeing all the "alums" back at Shaker for Thanksgiving vacation. Speaking of Thanksgiving, I don't want you to eat too much tomorrow night. I say this every year but . . .

Turkey and cranberries, pumpkin pie,  
All so delicious, but too much  
ate I.  
Besides ten more pounds, I'm so  
very dismal,  
Won't somebody please pass the  
Pepto Bismol?"

The Football Dance celebrating the end of the '54 season scored with all the Shakerites. Queen Trinky Quay and honorary football captain Ron Marchand reigned over the court of five senior girls. A few members of the organizations honored at the dance seen with their dates were: cheerleader Janie Watterson with Jim Green, Patty Sydow escorted by Mark Perry, and Judy Cozzens with John Glick. Majorette Sharon Pearlman was there with Mike Ban, who represented the band. A few members of the football team and their gals were: Norm Jacobs with Marilyn Telepak, Dick Morris and Debbie Davies, Buzzy Richards escorting Kay Wolf, and Ken Huszar and Brenda Fuchs. Cross-country man Sid Wolfe squired Hope Greenspan and one of his "running mates" Pete Harwood was with Penny Johns.

Some other Shakerites spinning on the dance floor were: Paula Brouwer and John Gloeckler, Gay Cornwall with Dennis Kelly, Jack Freund and Ruth Ann Hurt, and Kate Kramer with her date Arnie Eisenberg.

Several of Barbara Cantrell's friends are giving a luncheon Friday afternoon for her seventeenth birthday. A few of the girls planning to attend are: Jeanne Cox, Diane Lauck, Maria Clark, Lou Ann Baylor, Monica Wolfe, and Carol Green. Happy birthday, Barb!

Again two artists tie for top honors in our "Dream Disc" nomination this week. Sarah Vaughn and Peggy King share the spotlight with their platters of "Make Yourself Comfortable."

Men's Fashion Notes

Ralph Evans and his belted back slacks are the latest thing on Shaker's campus. We noticed that Dennis Brooks has caught on to the fad with his belted back khakis.

Pat on the Back Department

Hats off to Miss Hollister and her super surprise party November 10, in the Social Room. We understand she and Miss Bannaian have been offered a record contract!

Help wanted—female: A feminine pole-cat for lone-wolf Harry Hattenbach, bachelor at the last dance.

Wanted: One tube of Ben Gay for rubbing down aching senior muscles after last week's skating party.

Good eatin', Shakerites!



David Wiesenberger and Sondra Fain try to revive Sally November in "Harvey."

## Thanks Our Reporting Ace Says Thanksgiving Grace and Pranks

Gosh, Thanksgiving is an inspiring time; Wilbur and I were talking about it on our date last Saturday.

The evening started out the same old way . . . the minute I heard him blow his little whistle I grabbed my coat and dashed out to join him on the sidewalk. He seemed a little lost in thought and I had to slap his face a while to get his attention.

"Yoo hoo, Wilbur, I'm here."

"Hello," he said vacantly, and again I felt that quiver of delight at hearing his voice, and the dramatic way the rubber band on his braces snaps.

"You've been thinking again, I can tell," I said admiringly, as I slid into his Pierce Arrow.

"Yes," he said, peeling off toward the local theater, "I have been directing my thoughts for some time in pensive meditation to the glorious celebration of gratitude which draws nigh." I guess he could tell I didn't follow, because he sighed loudly "Look, if I say 'Plymouth,' what do you think of?"

"Not half so good as a Pierce Arrow," I said loyally.

"No no. Suppose I said 'colony' . . ."

"Oh, that's easy," I squeaked delightedly, "'Three Coins in the Fountain' 'til Saturday." He groaned.

"Look, suppose I said 'A day of national gratitude' . . ."

"Wilbur!" I shrieked. "You passed!"

There was a long pause. "Doll, remind me to tell myself sometime that I like you for your sweet high hysterical giggle, and the way your big blue eyes gaze gently into each other, and NOT for your intellect!" (Wilbur has the BIGGEST line.) "I refer to that day of days, the occasion that brings all Americans together in spirit—Americans of the past, the present, and the future—Thanksgiving!" His nose twitched with emotion, and he skidded to a stop in the parking lot. "Yessir," he continued, as we buttoned down the window curtains and headed for the theater. "What an inspiring history of the early pilgrims! And too few people know enough about it. Take you, for example. What do

you know about the birth of America and the first Thanksgiving?" We were taking our seats in the theater, and lowered our voices.

"Well," I began, "Christopher Columbus decided one day he was going to discover America, so he set out with three boats, the Nina, the Palamina, and the Santa Maria. Part way over there was some trouble . . . I can't remember . . ."

"The crew was unhappy," Wilbur prodded.

"Oh yes! Something about strawberries, wasn't it?" Wilbur said something very fast in a low voice. "Well, anyway, they got there, and they liked it, so pretty soon more people came over, and kept founding colonies and buying islands with beads and carving dates on stones, and the Indians invented corn-on-the-cob for 'em, and then there was Pocahontas, and 'Why don't you speak for yourself, John?' and . . ." Then Wilbur interrupted me because the cartoon was coming on.

When it was over, he spent the rest of the show setting me straight, and was still going strong when we left.

"We will continue this over some refreshment," he said on the way through the lobby. "Where shall we go to eat?" As always, I let him decide, so there we were, putting pennies in the peanut machine, when the thought struck him.

"Doggone! We today have more to be thankful for than anybody else. Look at our freedoms! Freedom of worship, of assembly, of practically everything! It's wonderful!"

I've been thinking about what Wilbur said ever since Saturday night. And boy, is he right!

Sue Lowry

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# The Sophomore Beat

*Patrolled by Pete*

The Sophomore Class recognizes:

(1) Ian (Honest Abe) Goldsmith for his integrity. Flanked on right and left by Johnny Widder and Dick Horowitz who both rated A in that Latin exam, our boy drew—well, he didn't get an A. (He could do with Linda Sugarman's amazin' memory. Just ask the gal to quote anything quotable, and you'll get a verbatim playback. No kiddin'—try it. She's a livin' tape-recorder, she is!)

(2) Our crutch-borne hero, senior Charlie Burger, for believing tenth-graders are people. Achin' bones and all, he hobbled to soph Carol Goldman's open house to join the fun with 299 or so other Shakerites—all of whom, we might add, were glad they came.

(3) Linda Marchand for loyalty. When a gal hangs around football practice every night to watch her best boy friend play, that's just routine; but when she does same to watch her big brother—that's news. Our "most devoted Sis" award to you, Linda.

Be a good sport and look the other way for a few minutes, Miss Blair, whilst we list some of the recent "Decem Alta Carmina" as translated by the kittens and kats in your soph Latin classes:

"Si ego give my pectorem to you"—Doris Dies

"The altus et the mighty"—Whistler's mater

"Skoklaanorum — Quattuor Lads

"The vir quis got waya"—Judy Garterra

"This ole domus"—Rosemary Cloonibus

"Hey Ibi"—Just about everybody et his frater has a platter of this

"Bazoomus"—The tres cheers

"The latron"—Johnson fraters

"Pater loves Mambo"—Nat Rex Cole

"Run circum"—Selkeuhe (Selkeuhe is not Latin—It's Chuckles spelled backwards. Ha! We fooled you!)

"Sh-Boomus"—the Nautae Cuts

"I need you nunc"—Eddie Pisces-er

Now that our music lesson is finished, and before we tear into that turkey and cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie and—(Stop drooling, Carter!), lets remind a few of our classmates of a few things they have to be thankful for: Karen Feld for her oversize teddy bear, Jean Colbert for that honest-to-godness naturally curly hair, Lou Body for Sue Weber, Bob Markey for his big grin, Ted Bynum for his wonderful disposition, Leon Baer

for the teeth he still has, and Nancy Calto for her sense of humor (in Mr. Buerger's class).

And—didja know that a loaf of bread is the mother of an airplane? Sure, we can prove it. A loaf of bread is a necessity; an airplane is an invention—and even a sophomore knows that "necessity is the mother of invention."

And I guess this is it for now—See ya after vacation—Mm-boy—beautiful word, that!

## Lectures, Parties, and Debates Keep Shaker Club Members Busy

After the completion of the second annual "Know Your Club Week," Shaker's club program got into full swing. With the arrival of Thanksgiving and approach of the gay Christmas season, many of the 30 organizations around school have planned interesting and diverse programs.

French Club, under the sponsorship of Mr. MacKeigan, seems to have taken a new lease on life this year. The next meeting will be a record party and jam session in the Social Room (French records, of course.) Future plans also include speeches by foreign exchange students and trips to various places of interest around the city.

The combined Y-Teen Chapters' primary activity right now is Friday night's Harvest Hop. However a gala Christmas party for all three chapters is on the agenda.

Senior Hi-Y is planning its annual Orphan Party to be held on December 19. This will be a date af-

## Helpful College Hints Given at P.-T. A. Meeting

An unusual opportunity presented itself at a P.-T.A. meeting on November 8 in the large auditorium when a panel discussion, moderated by Mr. Senft, took place. Five key admission officers of local colleges took part in this discussion entitled "Admission to College."

Dr. C. E. Atkinson of Kent State University suggested that in choosing a college some things to keep in mind are the educational facilities, social aspects, and type of college that will fit into your emotional and educational background.

"A person should pay according to his ability to pay," declared Mr. Hollace G. Roberts of Western Reserve University in his talk, "Financing a College Education."

Other speakers, Mr. M. C. Herreck of Fenn College, Mr. Eugene T. Mittinger of John Carroll University, and Mr. Donald Noblett of Case Institute of Technology expressed their views concerning non-academic activities, entrance tests, and applications.

fair and each couple "adopts" one orphan for the afternoon.

Girls' Leaders Club sponsored a successful bake sale last Wednesday and Friday afternoons in the Social Room. The girls also journeyed to Shaw for the L. E. L. Playday on November 13. Their next big activity will be the annual Leaders' Club dance, to be held sometime in January.

Junior Council on World Affairs, under the leadership of Mr. Dixon, has planned a series of informal debates on the subject of the United Nations. Lectures by adult speakers and discussions with foreign exchange students are also part of the future program.

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This well-known organization began, not as a professional theater, but as an amateur drama club, in 1915. The club used a remodeled church building on Cedar Avenue for their first theater. Twelve years later, they abandoned this for their building on 86th Street between Euclid and Carnegie in which the Drury and Brooks theaters are located.

The Play House acquired the theater at Euclid and 77th Street in 1947. This theater is unusual in that it was the first in the country to employ the open stage without a proscenium.

If you want to "brush up your Shakespeare," don't miss ye olde Shakespeare Festival this spring. Since 1934 the Play House has presented works of Shakespeare to thousands of students for the nominal price of seventy-five cents. Last year's production of "Twelfth Night" drew a record attendance of 12,500 students.

Among the plays now showing and soon to be shown are the fol-

lowing: *The Winner*, a suspense comedy about a small-town girl in the big city; *My Three Angels*, the zany story of three convicts in French Guiana who take over a local shopkeeper's household on Christmas Eve; *Dead Pigeon*, a thrilling mystery melodrama concerning two crooks and a girl; *Best Foot Forward*, a high-spirited musical comedy in which a famous movie star accepts a student's invitation to a prep-school dance; and *Sabrina Fair*, an entertaining romantic comedy.

Those interested in obtaining student tickets for Play House performances may secure them from their English teachers. With this ticket and eighty cents, students can see any performance except those on Friday and Saturday night, for which students must pay the regular price of \$2.00 and \$2.25 respectively.

An evening at the Play House can be one of excitement, drama, or comedy. Take your choice, take your date, and see for yourself.

## Thankful Students Depart Today For Busy, Fun-Filled Vacations

Today, with banging lockers and great sighs of release, joyful Shakerites will begin those four heavenly days commonly known as Thanksgiving Vacation.

Many Shakerites will be reunited with their older brothers and sisters who will be home from college. Some of these are: Sally and Nancy Fox, Beverly and Barbara Bell, Betsy and Sarge Karch, Judy and Jay Sload, Dave and Harvey Raid-er, and Susan and John Fay.

"Two heads are better than one," said Lynn Newman and Judy Komito, who will be seeing quite a lot of Henry and Howard Danaceau.

However, not everyone is staying home! Jim Van Baalen and Buddy Leidner are only two of the Shakerites who are going college-hunting.

No business worries for other lucky Shakerites, though. Ruth Ann Hurt is journeying to Notre Dame to visit Chuck Henzy; Shirley Shaffron will travel to Youngstown

to attend a Phi Sig party with Merle Sobol; and Barbara Dupont is going to a homecoming dance at her former alma mater in Painesville.

Judy Nash and Barb Weinman, although they're staying home, should have lots of fun at that ZBT formal at Reserve.

Other stay-at-homes plan to spend plenty of time just giving thanks—especially Rolly Freed and Elaine Hacker who are so thankful for Marlon Brando. Avis Cohen should be thankful too—she's moving to Florida.

The prize for the most ideal vacation goes to Tom Waldman, who will stop in Philadelphia to see the Penn-Cornell game and then spend a few days in New York City. What's the prize? Well, with a vacation like that, who needs one?

'Bye kids, and Happy Vacationing. See you all Monday.

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# Winter Sports Teams Inaugurate 1954-55 Season

## Swim, Mat Squads Prepare For Defense of State Crowns

### Two "S" Men Anchor Team

Woven around a nucleus consisting of returning lettermen George Brown and Jerry Weiss, Shaker Heights High's wrestling team is preparing for another season, this time as defending state champions.

Coach Zip Zednik is still on the prowl for a wrestling whiz to compete at 103 pounds this year. The graduation of Norty Eisenberg left the slate pretty bare at that weight, and Zip is even now checking up on a few prospects.

The heavier weight classes will be bolstered by the addition of Elroy Kirsh, a member of the John Adams squad last year. Expected to hold their own in competition for a first team berth are such returning veterans as Paul Herringshaw, Dick Morris, Dick Guttman, Jim Comella, Matt Von Baeyer, Dennis Donahue and Jerry Wiener, all of whom gained experience as JayVees last year.

The weight divisions have been revised from the past season. Whereas last year there was competition at 165 and 185 pounds, there will now be divisions at 165 and 175, and an unlimited weight class has been added. It involves boys 185 pounds and over.

The grapplers challenge Benedictine in the first meet December 7. Summing up the wrestling situation, Coach Zednik foresees, "If the boys get out on the mat and push each other, I'll be looking for a successful season."

### Team Effort Is Key

Our state champion swimmers led by mentor J. P. Stark will be supported with greater depth by the addition of a JayVee team. The JayVee swimmers will be under the direction of Coach Barkley, who teaches at the Junior High. For several years a JayVee team has failed to exist because of the lack of a coach; however, since we have obtained the services of Mr. Barkley more boys will be able to gain experience and develop their potential. The JayVee squad has a tentative schedule of six meets planned for this season.

The varsity team has added seven new swimmers to this year's squad, two seniors Tom Ham and Speed Olderman; four juniors: Jim Adler, John Slavin, Pete Crumbine, and Dave Richardson; and one sophomore: Mark Perry.

The first dual meet of the season is at Heights on December 3. This year's schedule also lists two important meets with Lakewood and one with Sandusky. A new addition to this year's schedule is the Kent State Relays and for the first time in many years the annual City Meet at Fenn College is not scheduled. The home stretch in February includes the L. E. L. and District meets. The State Meet will be held on March 4 and 5. Our defending champs will, of course, be pointing their efforts for that big meet at the Ohio State natatorium. Coach Stark has an optimistic attitude and looks forward to a good season.



Von Baeyer and Rosenblum work toward 127 and 133 starting positions respectively; while Dick Wilson works to lower his times in the pool.



## Cagers Face League Opponents In L. E. L. Preview Tonight

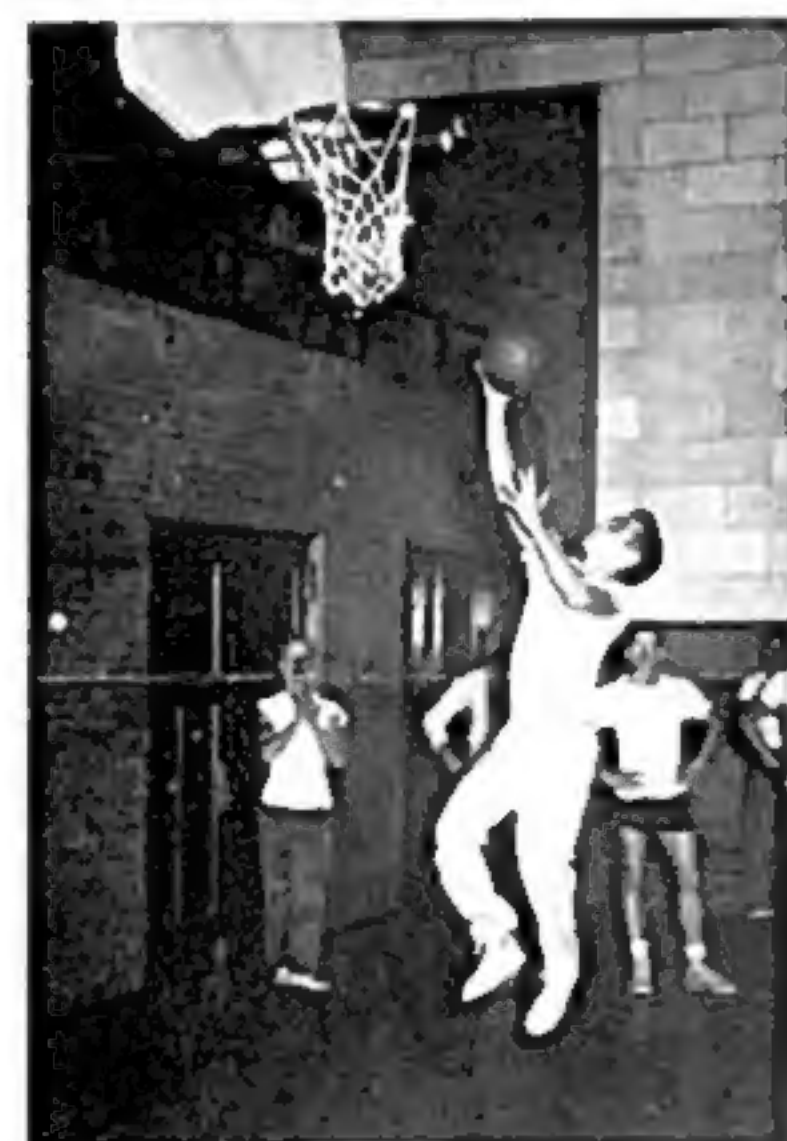
Basketball practice has officially started, and only a brief span of days remain before the 1954-55 season is a reality. December 3 pits the Red Raiders against Brush in the season opener. This evening Lakewood courts will be the scene for a pre-season look at the L. E. L. teams and their potential. This annual event matches each team against all the others for brief playing periods which provide good standards for comparison.

One acute factor affecting Shaker chances is lack of height. In order to compensate for that hindrance Coach Heinlen expects to play a slower brand of basketball which should ensure a closer score. Coach Heinlen states that this year's team will feature good ball handling and straight shooting.

The Red and White quintet will be captained by Earl Seidman, a senior and the only returning letterman. Joel Holmes, Charlie Burger, and Dick Lazzaro are returning seniors who gained experience on last year's varsity. From the ranks of last year's JayVees come Corky Maniaci, Dennis Goodman, Mike Blane, Walt Lloyd, Charlie Kahn, and Dennis Tamesin, who will be bidding for positions in the starting line-up. Also in the running are Jerry Rardin, a transfer student from Pennsylvania, and Ralph Evans.

At this date it is almost impossible to forecast results, but if we use past experience as an indicator, we can be certain of seeing plenty

of the fast action and excitement that result from good basketball.



Ralph Evans aims for the starting five with the '54-'55 hoopsters.

## Gal-isthenics

## Hockey Season Ends; Soph Varsity Chosen

After many weeks of try-outs, swimming leaders notified thirteen girls of their admittance into the club. These girls, who will assist in the swimming classes and at swimming meets, are seniors Cathy Berger and Sandy Schneiderman; juniors Hetty Cowan, Nancy Jensen, Joan Liebenthal, Joan Linas, Ann Samet, Andrea Williams and Sheryl Weisel; sophomores Gail Coughlin, Madge Douba and Karen Macey. A formal initiation dinner was held in their honor on Tuesday, November 9, in the Social Room.

Snow and cold weather did not stop the Junior Varsity hockey teams from playing two games against Orange on the Shaker field. In the first contest Captain Paula Danaceau's team succeeded in preserving a deadlock throughout the whole game. The final score was 0-0.

In the second game Captain Dianne Danka's team won 3-0. Carol Finney scored two goals and Barbara Ganim accounted for one.

A sophomore hockey varsity has been chosen. Members of this varsity are: Martha Bolt, Jean Colbert, Nancy Croley, Madge Douba, Donna Grover, Ann Herzog, Nan Hoover, Joan Karlovac, Peggy Maroney, Casey Mullen, Rose Sanders, Gwynne Williams and Dede Wolland.

## Harriers End Good Season, Place High at State Meet

Climaxing this year's cross country season, the Red Raider squad traveled to Columbus to compete in the state meet. Shaker finished fifteenth, with Ron Cochrane pacing the squad by finishing twenty-ninth in a field of approximately 200 runners representing 25 different schools.

Shaker qualified for the state competition by finishing second in the District meet.

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